THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. Enquiries about C-DOT technology have been received from Nepal, Kenya, Peru and Algeria. Response to these queries has been deferred till regular commercial production is established in India and relevant contractual and technical aspects for supporting C-DOT technology abroad are finalised.

(b) Yes, Sir. Enquiry has been received from Nepal for examining the feasibility of supplying two rural automatic exchanges for serving two locations near Kathmandu. The technical aspects would have to be examined in consultation with the Nepal Telcommunication Authorities.

Closing of Manmad Sorting Office

2036. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down the Manmad sorting office in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of answer to part (a) above.

Late Delivery of Maij in Manmad City

2037. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the people residing around Manmad City are getting their mail very late; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) One combined delivery is issued at 8 A.M. in Manmad sub-post office There is no report of delay to mails.

(b) The Question does not arise.

Central Industrial Projects in UP

2038. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of huge Central industrial projects in Uttar Pradesh involving a total investment of over Rs. 5500 crores have failed to come up on Schedule; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects and the reasons for their failure?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Details of Central Public Sector projects costing over Rs. 4400 crores which have not come up on schedule as obtained from the latest Project Implementation Status Report for the period July to September, 1987, prepared by the Ministry of Programme Implementation are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below). Some of the reasons for delay are as under:-

(i) Inaccurate preparation of feasibility/detailed project reports. The basic assumptions relating to processes, raw material, etc. might not have been made in a scientific manner;

(ii) Inaccurate estimation of quantities of work involved. This may be due to the reason that the actual ground and sub-soil conditions may not have been taken into account in a proper manner.

(iii) Optimistic estimate of time involved in carrying out various activities;

(iv) Non-availability of sufficient funds and non-availability of funds in time; and

(v) Insufficient resource mobilisation by the contractors for executing the projects.

Statement

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Enterprise	Unit	Location	Amount of Project cost	Scheduled completion time	Anticipated completion time
1		2	3	4	5	6
	Nuclear Power Corporation	2x235 Narora Atomic Power Station	Buland-shahr	209 89	Jan. '74	Oct. '89
	Northern Coalfields Ltd.	4.50 MTPA Bina open cast Colliery	Mirzapur	56 91	May '79	March '89
	Do.	5.00MTPA. Dudhichua open cast colliery	Sidhi	289.69	Feb. '84	March '94
	Do.	2.50 MTPA Kakri open cast Colliery	Mirzapur	50.54	Oct. '80	March '90
	Do.	4.00 MTPA Khadia open cast Colliery	Mirzapur	400.00	Sept. '85	March '94
	Natural Hydro-electric Power Corpn.	120 MW Tanakpur Project	Nainital	178.75	Aug. '84	March '90
	National Thermal Power Corporation	1000 MW Rihand Power Project Stage-I	Mirzapur	1033.00	June '82	June '88
	Do.	1400 MW Singrauli STPP-Stage-II	Mirzapur	494.37	July '79	Jan. '88
	Do.	840 MW MCR TPP	Dadri	1063.60	Feb. '87	June '93

1	2	3	4	5	6
Do.	600 MW Auraiya Gas Power Project	Etawah	371.67	Oct. '86	Feb. '91
Do.	Auraiya CPP Transmission Line	..	100.60	Oct. '86	Aug. '88
Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.	2 lakh line capacity switching equipment factory	Raebareli	64.50	Nov. '80	March '90
Do.	5 Lakh line capacity switch system factory	Manakpur	149 19	Nov. '82	March '90
		TOTAL	4462.70		

Number of Essential Drugs

2039. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 18th January, 1988 regarding non-availability of the list of essential drugs with Government;

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have with them the number of formulations manufactured in the country; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exact quantification of Essentiality is difficult.

(c) No, Sir.

Bandh call by tyre users

2040. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various expert reports have come with the exploitation of consumers as well as of trade by tyre manufacturers;

(b) whether the tyre manufacturers desisted from giving effect to price increases in spite of warnings from Government;

(c) if so, whether the 7 lakh commercial transport operators have decided to go on for a indefinite country-wide Bandh beginning on the 31st March, 1988; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the report of various expert committees appointed by the Government in this regard and what necessary action is being taken by the Government to give protection to consumer transporters to avoid the proposed Bandh call?